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The meeting was called to order at 11.10 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT

1. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee would adopt the text of the draft report without reopening the debate. Editorial suggestions only would be entertained.

2. Mr. FRASER (Secretary of the Committee) said that it had been impossible to indicate the source of the language incorporated in the draft report because of the need to maintain the format required for submission to the Drafting Committee of the plenary. On page 8 of the English version of the draft, the second sub-item of paragraph 8 should be amended to read: "By agreement with the Chairman of Main Committee II, a joint working group was established to address that aspect of the Committee's work."

3. The following paragraph should be inserted on page 28 of the draft, before paragraph 42:

> "The Conference concludes that the substantial progress made towards nuclear disarmament could only have taken place in a framework of stability and predictability. By preventing widespread proliferation, the Non-Proliferation Treaty has contributed substantially to that framework. The Conference recalls that, in order to build further on the momentum created by recent disarmament successes, by the measures in prospect or in progress, it must ensure that the essential framework provided by the Treaty is made permanent."

4. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee would adopt the draft report paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 4

5. Paragraphs 1 to 4 were adopted.

Paragraph 5

6. Mr. MORADI (Islamic Republic of Iran) said that his delegation requested that document NPT/CONF.1995/MC.I/CRP.11 and NPT/CONF.1995/MC.I/WG.1/CRP.11 (p. 8 of the English version) should be reissued as formal working papers of the Committee.

7. Mr. BERDENNIKOV (Russian Federation) said that it was his understanding that, as a cost-saving measure, documents which had already been issued could not be reissued under a different symbol.

8. Mr. FRASER (Secretary of the Committee) said that reissuing those documents as working papers meant that they would then be produced in all languages of the Conference and become part of the final report of the Committee.

9. Mr. COTAN (Indonesia) said that it had been clearly indicated that the proposals submitted by the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries would be issued as formal working papers.

10. The CHAIRMAN said that he would take it that the Committee wished to reissue NPT/CONF.1995/MC.I/CRP.11 and NPT/CONF.1995/MC.I/WG.1/CRP.11 as formal working papers of the Committee.

11. It was so decided.

12. Paragraph 5 was adopted as amended.

Paragraphs 6 and 7

13. Paragraphs 6 and 7 were adopted.

Paragraph 8

14. Paragraph 8 was adopted as amended by the Secretariat.

Paragraph 9

Section I. Review of articles I and II and preambular paragraphs 1 to 3

15. Mr. SCHEINMAN (United States of America) said that his delegation had understood that additions were to be made to the draft only regarding section II, yet he noted that new language had been included in section I. If it had indeed been possible to propose further additions to section I, some delegations might be at a disadvantage, since they had been unaware of the possibility.

16. The CHAIRMAN said that, while the main focus of the discussion was section II, some delegations had taken the opportunity to introduce new language into section I. However, all the new language was in brackets and thus did not alter the sense of the draft.

17. Mr. SCHEINMAN (United States of America) requested that the insertions to section I should be identified and eliminated, in order to restore the draft to the version existing at the time the Committee began its consideration of section II.

18. Mr. FRASER (Secretary of the Committee) said that four delegations had submitted changes to paragraphs 2, 5, 8 bis, 8 qua, 8 qui, 9 and 9 qua. Four additional versions of paragraph 9 - qui, sex, sept and oct - which had been submitted in document NPT/CONF.1995/MC.I/CRP.37 the previous day, had also been incorporated.

19. Mr. SCHEINMAN (United States of America) said that the new versions of paragraph 9 should be retained, but that the other changes should be removed, since their insertion would be inconsistent with the mandate which the Chairman had given the Committee.

20. Mr. HERNANDEZ (Mexico) recalled that those proposals had been included because they had been submitted in writing as requested at the time of the discussion.

21. Mr. COTAN (Indonesia) said that his delegation had put forward the changes to paragraph 9 on several occasions. Furthermore, the proposed change to paragraph 2 was simply editorial in nature.

22. Mr. DU PREEZ (South Africa) said that his delegation supported the proposal of the United States representative. He did not recall any discussion on paragraph 2.

23. Mr. KANTOLA (Finland) said that the Committee should avoid reopening negotiations on section I and simply transmit its draft report to the Drafting Committee.

24. The CHAIRMAN requested the representative of Indonesia not to insist on his insertion in paragraph 2.

25. Mr. COTAN (Indonesia) said that his delegation considered the word "welcomes" rather unusual in the context under discussion, and would prefer "congratulates". However, his delegation would raise the matter at the next Drafting Committee session.

26. The CHAIRMAN said that it would be better to leave the matter to the Drafting Committee.

27. Mr. SCHEINMAN (United States of America) said that the Main Committee session was not the appropriate forum to discuss the bracketed wording. The parts of the draft report identified by the Secretary as newly introduced should be set aside. The draft report had already been discussed, and the Main Committee could not therefore consider amendments to it without prejudicing the work of the Drafting Committee.

28. Mr. SCHAERLI (Switzerland) said that his delegation did not see the draft report as an accurate reflection of the discussions that had led to it and had made editorial changes to it on that basis.

29. Mr. WANGURU (Kenya) said that the use of the word "congratulates" was consistent with United Nations usage and was, furthermore, appropriate in the context.

30. Mr. NOBLE (United Kingdom) said that if the amendments remained, the whole of section I of the draft report would once again be open to debate.

31. Mr. MORADI (Islamic Republic of Iran) said that his delegation did not wish to have paragraphs 3 and 4 of the draft report bracketed, but would bring them up for consideration by the Drafting Committee.

32. The CHAIRMAN said that the proposed amendments regarding the draft report should be submitted to the Drafting Committee for its consideration.

33. Mr. WANGURU (Kenya) said that it would expedite the work of Main Committee I to forward the draft report as it was, with the bracketed language, to the Drafting Committee.

34. Mr. MORADI (Islamic Republic of Iran) said that his delegation concurred that the draft report should be submitted to the Drafting Committee as quickly as possible. However, the second and third sentences of paragraph 5 should not be bracketed, as there had been agreement on them in the Committee.

35. Mr. HUSSAMY (Syrian Arab Republic) said that paragraph 8 could be adopted, as it did not introduce a new issue. For 15 years, Israel had turned a deaf ear to General Assembly resolutions regarding its nuclear capability. The General Assembly was asking the States in the Middle East to create a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region. It was impossible to achieve that objective when Israel was acquiring nuclear weapons, thereby posing a threat to all the States in the region.

36. Paragraph 8 was moderately worded. It called upon all States non-parties to renounce the nuclear-weapons option, accede to the Non-Proliferation Treaty and accept full-scope International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards. He wondered what was wrong with that exhortation, or why the Committee could not adopt it.

37. The CHAIRMAN said that he had asked a working group of interested States Parties to work towards consensus regarding the substance of paragraph 8. No such consensus had been reached to date.

38. Mr. MORADI (Islamic Republic of Iran) said that his delegation still had reservations as to the wording of paragraph 6.

39. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had taken note of the reservations expressed by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Paragraphs 8 to 11

40. Paragraphs 8 to 11 were adopted.

Section II. Article VI and preambular paragraphs 8 to 12

Paragraphs 1 to 10

41. Paragraphs 1 to 10 were adopted.

Paragraph 11

42. Mr. NOBLE (United Kingdom) pointed out that his delegation had submitted a written proposal to insert two new sentences at the beginning of paragraph 11.

43. Paragraph 11 was adopted as amended.

Paragraph 12

44. Mr. EKWALL (Sweden) said that his delegation had proposed that the sentence "This would provide the basis for further nuclear disarmament involving all nuclear-weapon States" should be inserted after the fourth sentence of paragraph 12 bis.

45. Paragraph 12 was adopted as amended.

Paragraphs 13 and 14

46. Paragraphs 13 and 14 were adopted.

Paragraph 15

47. Mr. NOBLE (United Kingdom) said that his delegation had submitted a proposal to add a second sentence to paragraph 15 qua.

48. Paragraph 15 was adopted as amended.

Paragraphs 16 to 19

49. Paragraphs 16 to 19 were adopted.

Paragraph 20

50. Mr. SCHEINMAN (United States of America) said that paragraph 20 appeared to be an alternative to paragraph 19, since the same point was made in both paragraphs.

51. The CHAIRMAN said that paragraph 20 would become paragraph 19 bis and that the remaining paragraphs would be renumbered accordingly.

52. Paragraph 20 was adopted as amended.

Paragraph 21

53. Paragraph 21 was adopted.

Paragraph 22

54. Mr. COTAN (Indonesia) recalled that his delegation had proposed that the second sentence of paragraph 22 should be deleted.

55. The CHAIRMAN said that the sentence in question would be placed in brackets.

56. Paragraph 22 was adopted as amended.

Paragraphs 23 and 24

57. Paragraphs 23 and 24 were adopted.

Paragraph 25

58. Mr. SCHAERLI (Switzerland), supported by Mr. BERDENNIKOV (Russian Federation), said that the idea expressed in paragraph 25 ter did not belong under the heading "Ban on the Production of Fissile Material" and that the paragraph should be moved to a more appropriate location in the report.

59. Mr. MORADI (Islamic Republic of Iran) said that he supported the Swiss proposal and that his delegation had proposed the insertion of the words "unsafeguarded shipment of nuclear materials, including by terrorists, and the" in paragraph 25 ter after the words "The Conference expressed grave concern about the".

60. Ms. DUNCAN (New Zealand) pointed out that the language proposed by Iran had already been included in paragraph 17 bis.

61. Mr. MORADI (Islamic Republic of Iran) said that if the idea expressed in paragraph 17 bis was repeated in paragraph 25 ter, the latter should include the phrase proposed by his delegation.

62. The CHAIRMAN said that the phrase proposed by the Iranian delegation would be inserted into paragraph 25 ter in brackets, and that the paragraph would be moved to a more appropriate section of the report.

63. Paragraph 25 was adopted as amended.

Paragraph 26

64. Paragraph 26 was adopted.

Paragraph 27

65. Mr. EKWALL (Sweden) said that the last sentence of paragraph 27, which his delegation had proposed, should read "Not only future production but also existing stockpiles should be the subject of these negotiations".

66. Paragraph 27 was adopted as amended.

Paragraphs 28 to 31

67. Paragraphs 28 to 31 were adopted.

Paragraph 32

68. Mr. AKINCI (Turkey) said that a phrase proposed by his delegation had not been included in paragraph 32.

69. Mr. BERNHARDSEN (Norway) said that his delegation had requested that the phrase "the implementation of" in paragraph 32 should be placed in brackets.

70. Paragraph 32 was adopted as amended.

Paragraphs 33 to 36

71. Paragraphs 33 to 36 were adopted.

Paragraph 37

72. Mr. COTAN (Indonesia) noted that his delegation had proposed a new alternative to paragraph 37.

73. The CHAIRMAN said that the proposal would be inserted in brackets.

74. Mr. EKWALL (Sweden) said that the word "time-table" in the last sentence of paragraph 37 bis, which his delegation had proposed, should read "time schedule".

75. Paragraph 37 was adopted as amended.

Paragraph 38

76. Mr. SCHEINMAN (United States of America) said that, as agreed by the Committee, the first bracket in paragraph 38 should appear before the word "However" and the beginning of the paragraph should be left outside brackets.

77. Paragraph 38 was adopted as amended.

Paragraph 39

78. Mr. NOBLE (United Kingdom) said that the words "the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons" should be placed in brackets and the words "and to" should be deleted from the bracketed phrase "and to General and Complete Disarmament", since the two expressions were alternatives, not consecutive phrases.

79. Paragraph 39 was adopted as amended.

Paragraphs 40 to 42

80. Paragraphs 40 to 42 were adopted.

81. Mr. MORADI (Islamic Republic of Iran), supported by Mr. NOBLE (United Kingdom), suggested that a footnote should be inserted in the report to indicate that his delegation felt that paragraphs 19 to 29 should be moved to the section "Cessation of the Nuclear Arms Race". He also recalled that Iran had submitted a proposal to place brackets around the heading "Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT)", which appeared before paragraph 19.

82. The CHAIRMAN said that the brackets would be included and that the footnote "A proposal was made that the placement of paragraphs 19 to 29 should be determined at a later stage" would be inserted. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt the draft report as amended.

83. It was so decided.

CONCLUSION OF THE WORK OF MAIN COMMITTEE I

84. The CHAIRMAN thanked the Committee members for the courtesy and cooperation they had shown in considering the issues entrusted to them. He hoped that the Committee's work would assist the progress of the Conference and strengthen the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

The meeting rose at 1.10 p.m.